DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-TRIVANDRUM LINE

874. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state the details of progress made so far in doubling of Ernakulam-Trivandrum line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : On Ernakulam-Trivandrum section of Southern Railway, an alternative BG line has been proposed for construction between Ernakulam-Kayankulam. Of this Ernakulam-Alleppey (57 kms.) has already been commissioned on 15-10-1989. Alleppey-Kayankulam (43 kms.) is targetted for opening in 1991-92. When completed, it will provide two single lines between Ernakulam and Kayankulam-one via Alleppey and the other via Kottayam—the existing route. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon (41 kms.) was approved in the Budget for 1989-90 and the work already taken up. Doubling between Quilon-Trivandrum (65 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1990-91. Completion of doubling on Kayankulam-Quilon-Trivandrum will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

LINKING OF PUTTAPARTHI AIRPORT WITH OTHER AIRPORTS

875. SHRI GANGADHAR SANIPALLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Puttaparthi Airport in Andhra Pradesh with any other airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS AT KOTA JUNCTION

876. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to instal computers at Kota junction; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

LPG CONNECTIONS FROM MP's QUOTA

877. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cooking gas connections have not been released to those in respect of whom orders had been issued by the Government from MP's quota during the year 1990-91 against their recommendations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) Some pending cases are being looked into.

[*English*]

BEED-PARLI VAIJNATH RAILWAY LINE

878. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning a new railway line;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government had recommended Beed-Ahmedabad-Parli Vaijnath railway line long back;